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1. RAUTA (STATE 79845). PLEASE TELL AMBASSADOR THAT DURING VERY CHEERFUL PRIVATE DISCUSSION WITH PACOSTE AT ISRAELI RECEPTION FOR DAYAN APRIL 4 (WE WERE CONGRATULATING EACH OTHER ON CONSULAR PROGRESS PRIOR TO VISIT AND PROMISING MORE), I SAW OCCASION TO MAKE SURE SOMEONE KNOWLEDGEABLE GOT THE POINT OF REVISED TACK ON RAUTA DESCRIBED REFTEL. WORKING THE CONVERSATION TOWARD CASES WHICH ARE DIFFICULT BUT NOT IMPOSSIBLE (SINCE NO CASES ARE IMPOSSIBLE IN OUR RELATIONSHIP), I MENTIONED "MOST DIFFICULT CASE" (WITHOUT NAMES) AND AFTER HE HAD REPEATED TWICE THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE, NOTED OUR NEW INTEREST IN "SETTING ASIDE QUESTION OF PRINCIPLE" AND FINDING SOLUTION EVEN IF IT WAS "NON-HUMANITARIAN." THIS TOOK HIM ABACK: HE THOUGHT FOR A MINUTE, SAID "LET US SEE" AND TOOK OFF; HE REMAINED CHEERFUL, BUT IS ALSO HIS MANNER.

2. VLAD GEORGESCU. HISTORIAN DINU GIURESCU SAID AT SAME RECEPTION HIS WIFE HAD SEEN VLAD GEORGESCU RECENTLY, AND HE WAS "RELATIVELY OPTIMISTIC" HE WOULD RECEIVE PERMISSION TO ACCEPT WOODROW WILSON INVITATION BEFORE VISIT; GROUNDS FOR OPTIMISM NOT GIVEN.

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3. MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS AND FINANCE: THE ROMANIANS HAVE RESPONDED, HOWEVER BELATEDLY, TO THE INVITATION FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT ANNOUNCED IN STATE 001578. ON APRIL 3, FOTA OF MFT TELEPHONED TO SAY THEY WISHED TO NOMINATE. SANDERS TOLD HIM THAT IT SEEMED UNLIKELY, GIVEN THE FEB. 15 CUTOFF FOR NOMINATIONS, THAT

A CANDIDATE COULD BE CONSIDERED NOW FOR PROGRAM STARTING APRIL 10. HOWEVER, HE AGREED TO RECEIVE THE NOMINATION. GOR HAS NOMINATED STEFAN MASU, WHO HAS A DOCTORATE DEGREE IN ECONOMY AND WORKS IN THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORGANIZATION SECTION OF MFT. ACCORDING TO FOTA, HE SPEAKS SUFFICIENT ENGLISH (S3/R4). IF ANYTHING CAN BE DONE ABOUT THIS SITUATION AT THIS LATE DATE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING ABOUT IT. WE DO NOT KNOW MASU.

4. PERSONAL FAVOR. COULD YOU GET DC INCOME TAX FORMS (UNAVAILABLE IN EMBASSY) AND SEND THEM TO ME IN NEXT POUCH?

5. CEAUSESCU LUNCHEON IN DALLAS (ROME 6201). CONCURRENTLY WITH RECEIPT OF REFTTEL, WE HAVE RECEIVED DIRECT TELEX TO AMBASSADOR AGGREY FROM FORMER AMBASSADOR TASCA WITH FOLLOWING TEXT: QYOTE THE REPUBLIC NATIONAL BANK OF DALLAS, TEXAS ONE OF THE LARGEST BANKS IN THE SOUTH WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE A VISIT FROM PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU DURING THIS FORTHCOMING VISIT TO DALLAS APRIL 13-14. MARK SHEPPARD, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TEXAS INSTRUMENTS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER IMPORTANT ENTERPRISES ARE ALSO ON THE BOARD. THEY COULD OFFER THE PRESIDENT A DINNER OR LUNCH AT WHICH HE WOULD HAVE A CHANCE TO MEET A BROAD RANGE OF BUSINESS INTERESTS IN THE U.S. DALLAS IS THE THIRD CITY IN THE U.S.A. FOR HEADQUARTERS OF CORPORATIONS, DOING MORE THAN ONE MILLION DOLLARS OF BUSINESS PER YEAR. WARM REGARDS. AMBASSADOR HENRY J. TASCA. END QUOTE. I MENTIONED CONFIDENTIAL

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INVITATION TO RANGHET AT MFA THIS MORNING AND AM SENDING HIM COPY OF CABLE; HE ASKED PARTICULARLY THAT I BRING INVITATION TO ATTENTION OF "AMERICAN AUTHORITIES" RESPONSIBLE FOR PROGRAM. I HAVE NOW DONE SO; YOU MAY WISH TO DISCUSS QUESTION WITH ECOBESCU AND OTHER COMPETENT ADVANCE PEOPLE TOO. SIMONS

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